

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8, 12-15, 18, 19, 21, 23 and 25-28 are currently pending in this application.

Claims 1, 18 and have been amended, support for which is provided in the instant specification, for example at page 19, lines 17-19. Claims 25 and 26 were allowed.

The Examiner had rejected claims 1-8, 12-15, 18, 19, 21 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. Moreover, the Examiner stated at page 2, paragraph 3 of the Office Action dated July 24, 2008, that “[C]laims 1-8, 12-15, 18, 19, 21 and 23 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to over come the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office Action.”

Applicants expressly thank Examiner Robin A. Hylton for participating in the interview of September 2, 2008, during which Applicant’s representatives proposed amending independent claims 1 and 18 to recite, in pertinent part “substantially at a right angle to the inner surface of the support ring.” The Examiner indicated that these amendments would overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

As such, in an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 18 to recite, in pertinent part “substantially at a right angle to the inner surface of the support ring.”

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the claim amendments obviate the rejection and claims 1-8, 12-15, 18, 19, 21, 23 are now in condition for allowance.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 27 and 28 depend from allowed claims 25 and 26 and therefore are also allowable.

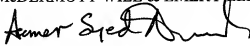
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application should be allowed and the case passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding

this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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